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This revision of the original digest of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of the Gold Coast Colony was rendered necessary by the enactment of the Importation of Plants Regulations Ordinance, No. 18 of March 28, 1936, and the promulgation of the Importation of Plants Regulations, No. 25, of May 16, 1936. It was prepared by Harry B. Shaw, Plant Quarantine Inspector, in Charge of Foreign Service Information, Division of Foreign Plant Quarantines, for the information of nurserymen, plant-quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that Colony.

The information contained in this circular is believed to to correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but it is not intended to be used independently of, nor as a substitute for, the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 18 of March 28, 1936, known as "The Importation of plants ordinance."

DEFINITIONS

Section 2 of the Ordinance makes the following definitions:

"Plant" includes everything in the nature of a plant and the fruit, leaves, cuttings, bark, or any part thereof whatsoever, whether living or dead, severed or attached, but does not include seed, unless specifically mentioned, nor manufactured products of plants, nor anything mentioned in this definition, which has been cooked.

"Pest" means any insect or other invertebrate animal which may be injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops.

"Plant disease" means any disease caused by fungus, bacterium, virus, or other organism which may be injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops.

Section 4 of the Ordinance empowers the Governor in Council to make regulations for the following, among other purposes:

(a) Prohibiting, restricting, or regulating the importation into Gold Coast of plants, seeds, soil, manure, containers, straw, and other packing materials, or any other similar goods or things.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

(Importation of Plants Regulation, No. 25, effective May 16, 1936)

Article 1. These regulations may be cited as "The Importation of Plants Regulations."

Plant Interchange Schedule

Art. 2. The Plant Interchange Schedule is a schedule of West African countries in respect of which agreements have been made with the Government of the Gold Coast concerning the making and enforcement in such countries and the Gold Coast of regulations governing the interchange of plants and seeds of plants.

Authorized Ports of Entry

Art. 3. No person shall import or cause to be imported into the Gold Coast any plant or seed except by mail or through the following ports of entry: Accra, Winneba, Cape Coast, Salt Pond, Takoradi.

Importation Prohibited

Art. 4. The following plants, produce, and seeds shall not be imported into the Gold Coast:

(a) All plants in soil or in any material of which soil forms a part.

(b) All plants from Central America, South America, and Trinidad, and other countries in which witches'-broom disease of cocoa (*Marasmius perniciosus* Stahel) is known to occur, as specified by the Governor by a notice in the Gazette, except plants required and imported by the Department of Agriculture for scientific purposes.

(c) All coconuts in husk from Central and South America, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, and St. Vincent.

(d) All coffee in cherry (berry) unless accompanied by a certificate of freedom from mealy pod disease issued by the Government agricultural authority of the country of export.

(e) All cottonseed except such as may be required and imported by the Department of Agriculture for scientific purposes.

Inspection on Arrival May Be Required

Art. 5. (1) Any plant or seed, except seeds, bulbs, tubers, or corms of vegetables or ornamental plants from temperate countries, or dry hulled rice, coffee, or pulses (legumes), for consumption, and any accompanying container brought to the Gold Coast by steamer, post, or other channel may, before being delivered to the consignee or addressee, be examined by a customs officer for the purpose of determining whether the plant or seed appears to be one the importation of which is forbidden or the importation of which is subject to precautions in accordance with these regulations.

Treatment of Infected Material

Art. 5. (2) Any such plant or seed, together with all other articles in the same container, and packing material may, where deemed necessary by any inspector as a precautionary measure against the introduction of any pest or plant disease, be disinfected or fumigated by and to the satisfaction of the inspector at the expense of the consignee or addressee, in default of which the consignment or package may be refused entry into the Gold Coast or may be destroyed by the inspector.

Conditions under which Plants and Seeds May Be Imported

Art. 6. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the importation of plants and seeds of plants shall be governed by the following provisions:

(a) Importations of plants and seeds of plants set out in Group A in Schedule I shall be permitted from countries included in the Plant Interchange Schedule only under permit signed by the Director of Agriculture first obtained, and in accordance with any special conditions which may be stated in such permit.

(b) Importations of plants and seeds set out in either Group A or Group B in Schedule I from countries other than those included in the Plant Interchange Schedule shall be permitted only under permit signed by the Director of Agriculture first obtained and in accordance with any special conditions stated in that permit. Such a permit shall be granted for plants included in Group A only when they are needed for special scientific purposes and provided that the Director of Agriculture is satisfied that the plants will be grown under such conditions as should preclude any possibility of the introduction of any dangerous pest or plant disease.

(c) Importations of plants and seeds set out in Group B in Schedule I shall be permitted from countries included in the Plant Interchange Schedule.

SCHEDULE I

Group A: Plants and seeds of cocoa (*Theobroma cacao*), cotton (*Gossypium* spp.), cassava (*Manihot esculenta*), oil palms, and all species of *Musa* and *Citrus*.

Group B: Plants and seeds of coconut (*Cocos nucifera*), Kola (*Cola* sp.), coffee (*Coffea* spp.) except hulled and dried berries for consumption), groundnuts or peanuts (*Arachis hypogaea*), yams (*Dioscorea* spp.), rice (*Oryza sativa*)

except hulled rice for consumption, pulses (legumes) except dry shelled seeds for consumption, guinea-corn (Sorghum vulgare), millets, maize (Zea mays), and rubber (Hevea spp.).

Written Application for Permit Required

Art. 7. Applications for permits shall be made in writing to the Director of Agriculture, and shall state:

(1) The full name, residence and postal address of the applicant.

(2) The name and address of the person from whom it is proposed to obtain the plants.

(3) The botanical name or the generally accepted popular name and varietal names of the plants and the number of each variety it is desired to import.

(4) The locality in which it is proposed to grow the plants.

Art. 8. Relates to the form of the import permit.

Prescribed Phytosanitary Certificate

Art. 9. Health certificates required from government agricultural authorities to accompany imports by any permit issued under these regulations shall, as far as practicable, be in the form set out below, or in a form accepted by the Director of Agriculture as being substantially to the like effect:

This is to certify that the living plants or plant products* _____ a representative sample of the living _____ included in the consignment, of which particulars plants or plant products are given below were/was* thoroughly examined on (date) _____, by (name of inspector) _____, a duly authorized official of the _____, and found to be healthy, no evidence of the presence of any injurious insect, pest, or disease (destructive to vegetation*) _____, (destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops*) (insert words in () if required by existing legislation) having been found in/on them and that the consignment (including the packing) covered by this certificate has*/has not been treated in the following manner (e.g. fumigated with or disinfected with _____) prior to/immediately subsequent to inspection.

Inspected in the field by a duly authorized inspector on (date)
Not inspected*

Signature

Official status

*Strike out the words not required.

Date:

No. and description of packages

Distinguishing marks

Description of living plants or plant products or parts thereof

Stated to be grown at

Exported by

Name and address of consignee

Name of vessel or particulars of route

Date of shipment

Port or place of entry

Additional certificate(s) attached. (Details of any special certificate issued in respect of imports specifically scheduled by the importing country.)

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